

FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (REV. 2-2005)		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1759.205
TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/544295
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2004/000267	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE February 5, 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED February 6, 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION
PIPE-CONNECTING DEVICE

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
Desjoyaux et al.

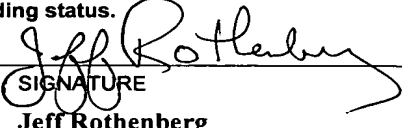
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☒ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☒ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☒ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☒ Express Mail Label No. **EV 703083140 US**
23. ☒ Other items or information:
Application Data Sheet
Forms PCT/IB 306 (3 pages)

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

U.S. APPLICATION NO (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/544295		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/FR2004/000267		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 1759.205		
The following fees are submitted:				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE	
24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee				\$300	\$300.00	
25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). All other situations.				\$100 \$200	\$200.00	
26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office All other situations.				\$100 \$400 \$500	\$400.00	
TOTAL OF 24, 25 and 26 =				\$900.00		
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.						
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole)	RATE			
- 100 =	0	/50 =	0	x	\$250.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$		
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE			
Total claims	8 - 20 =	0	x	\$50.00	\$0.00	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x	\$200.00	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00				\$	\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$900.00		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	\$450.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$450.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	\$0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$450.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +				\$	\$40.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$490.00		
				Amount to be	\$	
				Amount to be	\$	
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$ \$490.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1935 . A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.						
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.						
SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Jeff Rothenberg, Esq. Reg. No. 26,429 Heslin Rothenberg Farley & Mesiti P.C. 5 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203 Telephone: (518) 452-5600/Facsimile: (518) 452-5579						
				 SIGNATURE Jeff Rothenberg		
				NAME		
				26,429		
				REGISTRATION NUMBER		

10/544295

JC09 Rec'd PCT/PTO 03 AUG 2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY "EXPRESS MAIL" (37 CFR 1.10)

Applicant(s): Desjoyaux et al.

Docket No.

1759.205

Application No.

Unknown

Filing Date

Unknown

Examiner

Unknown

Customer No.

23405

Group Art Unit

Unknown

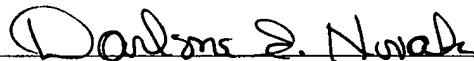
Invention: PIPE-CONNECTING DEVICE

I hereby certify that the following correspondence:

U.S. utility patent application under 35. U.S.C. 371

(Identify type of correspondence)

is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

August 3, 2005*(Date)*Darlene E. Novak*(Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence)**(Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence)*EV 703083140 US*("Express Mail" Mailing Label Number)***Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing.**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. :

U.S. National Serial No. :

Filed :

PCT International Application No. : PCT/FR2004/000267

VERIFICATION OF A TRANSLATION

I, the below named translator, hereby declare that:

My name and post office address are as stated below;

That I am knowledgeable in the French language in which the below identified international application was filed, and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the English translation of the international application No. PCT/FR2004/000267 is a true and complete translation of the above identified international application as filed.

I hereby declare that all the statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application issued thereon.

Date: June 30, 2005



Full name of the translator :

Stephen John Rivers FENNELL

For and on behalf of RWS Group Ltd

Post Office Address :

Europa House, Marsham Way,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire,
England.